

TRAIL MRS. CARUSO BEFORE BIG THEFT

Thieves, She Believes, Knew Household's Movements in Stealing Jewels.

'LOCAL JOB' IS SUSPICION

Singer Cables from Havana Telling Wife Not to Worry, as He'll Replace Gems.

An arrest, or at least new developments in the investigation of the theft of \$500,000 in jewels Tuesday evening from the summer home of Mrs. Enrico Caruso, at Easthampton, L. I., appeared not unlikely last night. It is known that the authorities have a theory how the robbery was committed and that the theory has stood many of the tests to which it has been applied.

Although no suspect which the local police and representatives of two New York detective agencies concentrated their efforts upon the immediate vicinity of the summer home and 186 acre estate upon the seashore that the famous singer rented for the summer. The alarm has been spread throughout the State and to neighboring States, but the centre of interest is the Caruso home.

District Attorney Le Roy M. Young and Sheriff John F. Kelly said this afternoon that they might call a John Doe proceeding, at which the eleven servants of the Caruso household would be called upon to testify, in an effort to clear up the mystery of the theft.

This was after the arrival and activity in investigation of Thomas J. Corrigan of Sherman & Corrigan, Inc., private detectives, of 1390 Lenox avenue, Charles Scaffa of the Pinkerton Agency and A. C. Bennett of Allen R. Lee & Co., 75 William street, insurance adjusters. Mr. Corrigan sent for twenty operatives, who will arrive in Easthampton this morning to make a more complete search.

Thief Goes Right to Keys.

It was discovered that the thief, upon entering Mrs. Caruso's bedroom in the south wing of the house, went directly to the dressing table and took from the middle drawer Mrs. Caruso's keys to the automobile in which she kept her jewels. She always had the keys in that drawer. It was observed also that although the thief presumably forced from the outside the screen door from the stair landing, the screening protruded as if it had been out from within. Mr. Corrigan questioned closely the chauffeur, who was first reported to have fired a revolver at the thief, but who, it developed later, fired simply at the noise of bells ringing in the box.

The effect of yesterday's going and coming has been to spread an atmosphere of unrest and suspicion about the Caruso home, and Mrs. Caruso and Mrs. Park Benjamin, Jr., her sister-in-law, who was with her at the time the robbery was committed, confessed themselves ill at ease.

"I have every reason to believe, now that I have thought matters over, that both my movements and those of my sister-in-law have been watched and noted," said Mrs. Caruso late in the afternoon. "I am firm in the belief that not only had the thief a confederate who watched outside while the actual thief was at work but that the robbers or robber waited until the butler and the houseman and maid servants had gone to their apartments in another section of the grounds."

"At the time of my birthday a great deal of publicity was given to the purchase by Mr. Caruso of a valuable diamond lavalliere which he gave me as a gift. Shortly after that I received a disagreeable letter, which I am not prepared to make public, but the police know all about it. It may help in clearing up the mystery, although I doubt it."

Appropos of Mrs. Caruso's belief that she had been watched, it is recalled by Mr. Corrigan as significant that not until all of the servants on the place but two had gone to bed did the thief enter. Both Mrs. Caruso and Mrs. Benjamin expressed full confidence in all the servants.

Caruso Cables He Isn't Worried.

Caruso sent a cablegram from Havana as follows:

"Not at all worried. Will replace jewels at once. Do not think about them again. I do not suspect anyone. Tell all household I have full confidence in them. Do not fret."

Detectives are not yet certain how to piece in with their theory the finding of a trail by bounds. Two dogs belonging to District Attorney Young of Suffolk county were taken to the place where the jewel casket was found. Thence they followed a trail that led to the East Hampton main road, and went a half mile toward Bridgehampton, where it was lost, though marks that might have been made by an automobile were found there.

7 DEAD, 100 HURT IN MINNESOTA STORM

30 Counties Swept and Property Loss Is Heavy.

St. Paul, June 9.—Seven persons killed, more than 100 injured and property losses that will aggregate hundreds of thousands of dollars was the toll taken by a terrific wind and electrical storm that swept northwestern Minnesota and eastern North Dakota last night. Partial restoration of wire communication to-day disclosed a slowly mounting death list and fears were expressed to-night that final reports from sections still isolated might increase the casualties.

The known dead include Mrs. R. H. Wilke, 61, Grey Eagle, Minn., Mrs. Wilke, who was crushed to death in the collapse of her summer cottage on Birch Lake, was the mother of Will Wilke, recently elected president of the National Editorial Association at its convention in Boston.

More than thirty Minnesota counties were more or less seriously affected by the storm, which was felt with diminished intensity in Minneapolis and St. Paul. The monetary damage is confined to small houses, barns, other outbuildings, live stock and trees.

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JOE GETS REVOLVER FROM SCARED ROBBER

Holdup Fails Near Central Police Headquarters.

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The plan was an excellent one, but it just happened that the chief wasn't looking in Joe's direction yesterday afternoon when a stranger with a handkerchief tied over the lower part of his face stepped up and stuck a revolver muzzle just in the centre of that delicate spot, which marked the dividing point of Joe's ribs.

Joe gave one wild wave, palms upward, in the direction of the chief's window, but decided in the nick of time that safety first is the better part of valor. Bang! went the revolver just as Joe ducked behind the counter. The bullet ripped a chunk out of Joe's shoulder. The would-be robber dropped his revolver and ran.

Asked whether he would put in a complaint of neglect of duty on the part of the police, Joe replied:

"It wasn't so bad. That cheap holdup man gets nothing. I get the pistol."

ARROWS KILL TWO GRIZZLIES.

California Science Hunter Financed by Ogden Mills.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 9.—Dr. Saxon T. Pope, San Francisco, has killed two grizzly bears with bow and arrows in Yellowstone Park, according to a telegram received from him to-day by the California Academy of Science here.

Dr. Pope, an expert in archery, is hunting the animals under permit from the United States Government to provide a "habitat group" for the academy's museum here. The project is financed by Ogden Mills of New York. The doctor hopes to kill two more bears.

SMITH HOLDS OWN AT HENRY'S TRIAL

Attempt to Impeach Credibility of Prosecutor in Primary Case Fails.

An attempt to impeach the credibility of James E. Smith, Assistant District Attorney, by the production of election records to show that he voted in New York county in 1914, within less than three months of the time he had been admitted to practice law in Kings county and had sworn that he was a resident there, was the salient feature yesterday of the trial of Police Inspector Dominick Henry, on trial on a charge of perjury in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court.

Inspector Henry swore before the Extraordinary Grand Jury that Smith had agreed to give the protection of his official position to gamblers and was not averse to "making a little change" himself. In his testimony before the Grand Jury Henry named various men as having either been instrumental in bringing him and Smith together or having made representations to him on Smith's behalf.

All of the men named by Henry took the witness stand yesterday and denied every statement of Henry's in which their names figured. Then Smith was called as a witness, and W. Bourke Cockran, counsel for Inspector Henry, devoted the whole afternoon to trying to break him down.

He bent his energies in two directions, toward making Smith admit that at the time he swore he lived in Brooklyn he really lived and had been voting in this county and toward getting him to acknowledge that he harbored animosity against Henry because Henry, while Smith was conducting some spectacular raids in the Tenderloin in 1918, had informed Smith that he ought to be ashamed to lend the dignity of his office to raids which accomplished nothing and of which the sincerity was doubtful. Smith would admit neither count.

In the matter of his voting in Brooklyn Mr. Cockran produced election records.

Smith's explanation of the voting tangle is that at that time, 1919, and 1920, "they" voted everybody in every district, whether he knew it himself or not.

The prosecution rested its case yesterday and Mr. Cockran announced that he will complete the defence to-day. The jury will probably be able to find its verdict by to-morrow night.

Finley in New Era Movement.

The Executive Commission of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. announced yesterday the appointment of Dr. John H. Finley, State Commissioner of Education, to membership in the New Era Executive Committee, which is to have charge of the reorganization of the new era movement in the Presbyterian Church. Two other members appointed are the Rev. Dr. William R. Taylor of the Brick Presbyterian Church, Rochester, and Edward N. Abbey of New York, son of the Rev. Dr. Edward W. Abbey, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Smithtown, L. I. Mr. Abbey is an assistant counsel of the Union Pacific Railroad.



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